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Dear Examiner Bhat:

I have been newly appointed as the responsible attorney for this case. You have issued an action advising that claims 14-17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. I intend to call you on 9/17/03 to discuss putting the case into condition for allowance.

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